

SPLENDID RECEPTION ACCORDED FIELD SECRETARY W. S. GILBREATH.

(From Friday's Daily.)

How the Dixie Highway was made a reality rather than a myth, or imaginary stretch of roadway; how DeSoto county can follow the good roads movement successfully launched by other counties, and an estimate of the wealth that will come to Arcadia and DeSoto county after the completion of its part of this famous highway, was a subject forcibly brought to the attention of some two hundred and fifty persons last night at the "get together" and "Dixie Highway" banquet at which Field Secretary W. S. Gilbreath, of the Dixie Highway Association, was the chief speaker of the evening. The banquet was held at the armory, and according to those in charge, was an unqualified success, not only from a social standpoint, but resulted in arousing enthusiasm that cannot fail of its purpose—stimulating in DeSoto county good roads building that will place this section second to none in first class highways.

Compliments Gilbreath.

In introducing Mr. Gilbreath, Toastmaster George M. Lynch paid a compliment to the field secretary of the Dixie Highway Association when he stated that he was the "pioneer in the movement of good roads building and one of the prime movers in the great work which eventually would result in no longer a west, no east, no south, no north, but one big people—all working for a common democracy.

Gilbreath Responded.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Gilbreath congratulated Arcadia citizens for the splendid reception accorded him. Particularly was he impressed at the large number of women present. "Women have the power to do much good in this Dixie Highway movement," he declared. He then related how, in the early stages of construction work along the Dixie Highway, many women at one point had become so enthusiastic over the good roads movement that they actually engaged in constructive work over a strip of road, converting it into a creditable highway from an impassable road.

The field secretary then narrated how the Dixie Highway was instituted. "Back in 1913," he related, "it was my privilege to travel with Carl G. Fisher and Mayor Charles A. Baskin, of Indianapolis, from Indianapolis to San Francisco, and thence to Los Angeles. While at Los Angeles, Mr. Fisher pointed to a map and said, 'Some day there will be four, instead of one, national highways across the United States.'

"Returning to Indianapolis we were amazed at the number of inquiries from tourists as to how best to get into the south, and particularly to Florida. In one winter we received over ten thousand such inquiries. This put us to thinking. When we told them we could not suggest a passable route from the north through to Florida, they would say, 'Very well; we'll go east or west.'

Movement Begins.

"The next winter we began a movement to link the north and south with a roadway which we could recommend to the traveling people and give it our stamp of approval. We looked at a map of the United States and after a careful estimate we discovered that within the proposed route of the

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good. I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing my work."

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Dixie Highway, with its tributaries, there lived approximately forty millions of people. It was fifteen hundred miles from the center of population of the United States to Florida.

"Fifteen hundred miles from the center of population to the west—and where would the tourist be? He would be in Denver, but what has he seen? A tourist demands three essential things on a journey by auto. He must pass through a historical section, a scenic section, and a business section, on the route to Denver what has he encountered from a historical standpoint? Nothing, except an Indian trail. The immense wheat fields and hills are tiresome, and from a business standpoint the possibilities are reduced to a minimum.

Contrasts West With South.

"We are now 1,500 miles south from the center of population. Not one mile without its scenic beauty on all sides: no deserts, no prairies, and from a historical standpoint, we find history galore! And from a business standpoint—who is it that has not all kinds of land to sell? There are orange groves, pecan groves, grapefruit groves, peach groves, and everywhere there is sunshine. I wouldn't give one county in Florida for the whole state of California!"

Tourists Spend Millions Annually.

The speaker then told of the enormous amount of wealth left annually in the west by tourists. Denver alone, he stated, received over \$2,700,000 last year from this source. "And," he added, "the tourists who spent this money in Denver traveled 1,500 miles to get there—and saw nothing! If he traveled 1,500 miles south over the Dixie Highway, it might take him to the Everglades, but I believe if he got to Arcadia, he'd remain here!"

Crime and Shame Can't Get Here.

"There are 685,000 automobiles north of the Ohio in the central part of the United States," he continued. "Their owners devote three months at least each year to travel. A conservative estimate places four persons to one car, who spend on an average \$5 per day each. There is \$196,000,000 spent annually by American tourists in travel. It is a crime and a shame to think they haven't the outlet to come down here."

Mr. Gilbreath then related how the Dixie Highway Association was put on a sound business basis, of the convention of governors at Chattanooga, which eventually brought about this end, and of the publication issued each week at Chattanooga, Tenn., by the association, telling of the work being done along the famous highway. The speaker outlined the work in the various sections traversed by the Dixie Highway. "And, with the assistance of all, you can do the same thing here," he stated.

That a bill is now before congress appropriating \$25,000,000 to the good roads movement is another strong evidence of their importance, he declared.

Urges Co-Operation.

"What a power we would be if we had representation from every county along the Dixie Highway," he exclaimed. "Good roads is an economical proposition; it interests and concerns every man, woman and child in the country. I want to see DeSoto county with a strong county council so that you people will be part and parcel in this movement."

The field secretary explained that the association was free from any influences that would disrupt it. There is nobody at the head of this organization who is affiliated with the automobile industry, or any other influence that may come from those organizations," he said. "If you organize a county council you then become interested in the Dixie Highway Association and have a voice in our deliberations. Our finances concern all of us; our engineers and lawyers must have finances, and it requires approximately \$25,000 a year to finance this. I am a poor man, but I have spent lots of my own money on the Dixie Highway—that shows you what I think of it."

The speaker then paid his thanks to the entertainment committee, declaring himself pleased with the good sized crowd that turned out, and urged them to interest themselves in good roads in order to place the Dixie Highway in this section on a plane which other communities could not surpass.

Left Today for Punta Gorda.

Accompanied by Ed. Scott and several other good roads boosters, Field Secretary Gilbreath was driven to Punta Gorda today, where tonight a big booster meeting is scheduled. Tomorrow night a similar meeting is scheduled to be held at Fort Myers, after which the party will return to Arcadia and on Monday morning will start over the eastward leg of the Dixie Highway to Okeechobee City and Fort Pierce, thence on to the southern terminal at Miami.

Other Speakers.

In addition to Mr. Gilbreath, those who were called on for short talks

last night include Frank Smith, of Bunker; Dr. Armstrong, of Indiana; Editor C. F. Woods, of the Euclid Lake Region; Connellman S. J. Carlton, Arcadia; S. L. Lowery, Tampa; Editor E. R. Jones, of the DeSoto County News and Daily News; and Editor Carter, of the Enterprise, Arcadia, the latter, however, not being present. These speakers dwelt on the advantages of good roads, and the consensus of opinion as spoken by Toastmaster Lynch was that "the Dixie Highway was the salvation of Florida, and we are for it because it spells progress and big development of our beautiful state."

AMERICANS WARNED

By Anonymous Writer Not to Sail on Armed Merchant Ships.

New York, Feb. 25.—American citizens who have booked passage on the French liner Espagne, for Bordeaux, France, have received anonymous letters calling attention to the new submarine policy, and warning them not to embark, according to officials of the British consulate in this city.

Mrs. E. Banker Hilton, No. 116 East 63rd street, is one of the Espagne's prospective passengers who has received this morning. The original of the letter sent to Mrs. Hilton was shown to a reporter. The warning read:

"Madam: It is understood that you intend to sail within the next few days upon the steamship Espagne for Bordeaux, France. You are doubtless fully aware of the intended submarine policy which is to come into effect any day, and which will be carried out rigorously. Irrespective of the nationality of persons upon the vessel attacked. Therefore, assuming that you are aware of the unusual and unnecessary danger that you are to subject yourself to, you are requested to receive this warning as definite and unquestionably necessary, and which you are requested not to question but to accept for the safety of yourself and that of your family."

The letter was enclosed in an envelope with this typewritten address:

Mrs. E. Banker Hilton,
No. 116 East 63rd St.,
New York City.

The letter itself was typewritten in black ink on an inferior grade of yellow paper, such as is frequently used in making carbon copies for office filing. It was enclosed in a good quality of white envelope of medium note paper size. The envelope was postmarked Feb. 17, 6:30 p. m., and the postmark showed that it had been mailed at post office station G. 217-225 West Fifty-First street, near Broadway. The envelope also showed that the letter had been forwarded to Mrs. Hilton from the 63rd street address to another address at which she is at this time.

British officials here got possession of the letter and sent it later by special delivery and registered mail to Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, in Washington. They stated a report that other Americans who had booked passage on board the Espagne for her coming trip had called up the British consulate, read exactly similar letters to them over the telephone and asked for information of their meaning.

The letter itself—in fact, none of them—bore any date, address or signature. They were all written on the same quality and kind of paper, and enclosed in the same kind of envelopes.

British officials recalled the advertisements inserted before the sailing of the Lusitania on her fatal trip. These advertisements warned her passengers not to embark.

Attention also was directed to the fact that the Espagne is one of the slower boats of the French line; that under ordinary conditions she would not reach Bordeaux until March 4 or 5, while the new submarine policy referred to may be put into effect by the German government March 1.

While the newspaper men were unable to reach Paul Faguet, agent for the French line, Oscar R. Canchois, next ranking official in America, was reached at the Manhattan Club.

"Yes, yes, I know all about that letter of warning," Mr. Canchois said. "What I want to know is, who is sending out these warnings. We rely on our American press to help us run down the people who are responsible for this act."

"I know that Mrs. Hilton, who has booked passage on the Espagne, received one of the letters. But this warning, or any other warning, will not be permitted to interfere with the sailing of the Espagne. She will sail as scheduled, and we will not let it affect our business in any way."

"I do not care to speculate on who sent it. We are using every effort to discover that, and with the help of the press we hope to do so, but until we have proof speculation would be

useless."

"Do you believe this letter has real significance or is merely the work of a crank?" asked the reporter.

"I will not venture to answer that." It was impossible to learn how many persons had received these letters or whether they had been mailed only to American citizens who had booked passage on the Espagne, although such was the belief of the British consulate.

A list of persons who have booked passage on the Espagne or any other transatlantic liner would be accessible to any one who chose to ask for it. It is the general custom to enter the names of those who secure passage immediately upon the company's books, and these books are shown to any one who calls at the offices of the line and requests to see them.

Herman Winter, of the Cunard line, said that so far as he knew no prospective American passengers of that company had received any warning not to embark. The Cunarder Tusculana is booked to sail February 26. On that day the French liner Lafayette also sails.

The steamship Espagne was completed in 1909. She is a steel twin screw steamer of 11,155 tons. Her length is 537.8 feet, and beam 69.8.

IN DIRE NEED OF RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

That a rural free delivery mail service is a dire necessity in the environs of Pine Level is the belief of the Pine Level Truck Growers' Association, and at a called meeting to be held next Saturday afternoon in the Mercantile Company's store, resolutions to this effect will be unanimously passed by the membership. It is expected that a petition will then be drafted and bearing the signatures of every farmer residing within a radius of eight or ten miles of Pine Level, it will be sent on to Washington, with the recommendation that the postmaster general give it due consideration.

Mail service has recently been established on the East and West Coast Railway, with the result that the post-office at Pine Level has been congested with mail for farmers who live several miles from that place. It is believed by the Pine Level Truck Growers' Association membership that Uncle Sam should comply with their request for a rural free delivery system, one member of the organization stating today that free delivery routes were established in many other communities whose population was not half as large as in the vicinity of Pine Level.

Other business of importance is scheduled to come up for attention at Saturday afternoon's meeting of the Pine Level Truck Growers' Association, notably a report of the financial standing after a checking up of the moneys derived from the town lot sale yesterday. The association was given the concessions and did a thriving business at the soft drink, peanut, and "hot dog" stands. It is expected that the checking up will show a handsome dividend which will put the association's exchequer in a healthy condition.

President Hull and Secretary Carmer respectfully invite all persons interested to attend Saturday's meeting.

MANY TOWN LOTS SOLD AT PINE LEVEL.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Seventy-five town lots were placed under the hammer at Pine Level yesterday, and realized from \$20 to \$127.50 each. The sale was conducted by the Carolina Development Company in the presence of some 1,500 persons, who took advantage of the opportunity of free travel and a free dinner to visit the one-time county seat of Manatee county.

Two special trains—one leaving Arcadia at 9:30 o'clock and the other leaving Bradenton at 10 o'clock—conveyed the larger portion of the spectators, while others from this city and the surrounding country made the trip in automobiles and other vehicles.

The special train which left here arrived at Pine Level about 11 o'clock while the special from Bradenton arrived a few minutes later. The sale was then begun, the first corner lot, just opposite the proposed site for the East and West Coast Railway Company's new depot, went under the hammer, bringing \$127.50.

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realized from any individual lot, the buyers playing cautiously and safely, the auctioneer being compelled to let several apparently good investments go at what real estate experts claim to be sacrifices.

Promptly at 1:30 o'clock the dinner bell rang, and the large number of guests were served with a free luncheon, prepared by the women of Pine Level, after which the sale continued. The crack band of Bradenton rendered a number of musical selections during the day, enlivening the day's outing.

The Carolina Development Company, who acted as representatives of Treadwell & Durranee in the sale, leave today for Fort Pierce, where a similar sale will be conducted tomorrow.

SATISFACTORY.

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